GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Aquaculture Authority of India has been closely monitoring the shrimp/prawn farms in the coastal areas of our country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of licences issued so far for shrimp/prawn farms during the last three years;

(c) whether the incidents of encroachment of Government lands for illegal shrimp/prawn farms in the coastal districts of the States like Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh,Orissa, Gujarat,Kerala, etc. has been noticed recently; and

(d) if so. the details thereof and the remedial action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir.The Coastal Aquaculture Authority monitors the farming of shrimp/prawn in the coastal areas as per the provisions of the Coastal Aquaculture Authority Act, 2005 and the rules framed thereunder. The Authority has registered 3292 shrimp farms so far since its inception in December, 2005 till February, 2008.

(c)&(d): As per the Coastal Aquaculture Authority Act, 2005, no person shall carry on coastal aquaculture including shrimp/prawn farming unless he has registered his farm with the Authority. Applications for registration of shrimp farms in coastal.areas are scrutinized by the District and State level Committees and shrimp farms without clear title of ownership of the land cannot be registered with the Authority.